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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

JONATHAN EDWARD LIGHTNER ET AL. CASE NO.: BB1043-D

APPLICATION NO.: 09/133,962 GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

FILED: OCTOBER 26, 2000 EXAMINER: E. MCELWAINE

FOR: GENES FOR MICROSOMAL DELTA-12
FATTY ACID DESATURASES AND
RELATED ENZYMES FROM PLANTS

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09/697379
10/26/00

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time in the above-identified application for three (3) months to respond to the Office Action mailed MAY 1, 2000.

Please charge the extension fee of \$890.00 to Deposit Account 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed. If the fee is insufficient or incorrect, please charge or credit the balance to the above-identified account.

A response to the Office Action accompanies this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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